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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6657

BILL NUMBER: HB 1275

DATE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Loss of Driving Privileges for Drug Offenses.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill increases the period of time that a person's driver's license is suspended when the person is convicted of crimes related to dealing in a controlled substance or possession of a controlled substance, including marijuana, hash oil, or hashish. It indicates that if a person does not have a driver's license, the person is barred from obtaining a license for the same period as a driver's license of the person could have been suspended. The bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) when a person convicted of a crime related to dealing in a controlled substance or possession of a controlled substance, including marijuana, hash oil, or hashish, is released on parole or discharged. It also requires a court to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when the offender is reimprisoned for a violation of parole or probation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The number of offenders who have been released from DOC facilities for drug violations has averaged 1,964 from 1997 through eleven months of 2000, as shown in the table below.

1997	1,702
1998	1,794
1999	2,184
2000	2,177 (11 months)

The DOC reports that it can notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in one of two ways. First, it can mail notification forms to the BMV at the rate of those who qualify for each of those forms (i.e., one for each inmate). In this case, the cost would include the creation of the form, printing, copying, and mailing (at the new 34-cent rate). Second, the DOC could produce a report on a periodic basis and include the information needed for notification. The DOC staff would then provide the printout to BMV on a regular basis. The fund affected for the DOC is the State General Fund.

The BMV suspends about 125,000 driver's licenses per year. For the BMV, there will be computer changes to accommodate the provisions of this bill in order to identify the violators. The expenditure for this is estimated at between \$10,000 and \$20,000. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction; Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: The Planning Division, Department of Correction.